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DRAFT MESSAGE TO KHRUSHCHEV OR DOBRYNIN

Sir,

I have previously indicated in unmistakable terms that the United States cannot and will not permit offensive missiles in Cuba which can threaten the United States and our Western Hemisphere neighbors. Moreover, my government has made every effort to persuade you and the Cuban authorities that if this threat were removed and this could be verified by UN inspection the United States would not feel the need for further action and indeed would, so long as such inspection was effective, remove the quarantine heretofore imposed.

Despite these clear statements of our concern and our willingness to find a peaceful solution, current evidence gathered by US surveillance demonstrates that work on offensive missile sites in Cuba continues. The US can no longer rely upon passive measures. In the absence of prompt evidence that missile sites are being disassembled, we intend to take action finally and completely to eliminate those sites.

I hope, even at this late hour, that you will exercise your influence with the Cuban government to see that the aforementioned sites are disassembled. Moreover, I cannot

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believe that it is in the interest of either of our countries to become still further enmeshed in this most unfortunate affair. I would assume therefore that precautions will be taken to see that Soviet personnel in Cuba are withdrawn at least from areas likely to become directly involved, before we are forced to act against them. While our actions will be directed against offensive weapons, should there be an effort by Cuban or other authorities to spread the conflict, the US will take whatever action is required to meet this contingency.

I repeat my earlier assurances that my government stands ready to find peaceful solutions to problems of mutual concern to our countries.

JFK

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COPY 1 - Alexis Johnson

COPY 2 - Ambassador Thompson

COPY 3 - Jeffrey C. Kitchen

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Thompson for his
consideration and disposition.*

*Ray
Guthoff*

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